Dear Parents and Students.

Thank you so much for your input on our student uniforms. After consulting with many of you and analyzing that feedback, we have determined that Tommy Hilfiger will be our new uniform supplier for the 2022-2023 school year. You will see that the core components of our uniform remain the same, but we are adding a few items and color options. Much of the current uniform will be acceptable to wear next year so that families can make good use of what they already have on hand. We will continue, as well, to make available used uniform items through the free exchange here at school. Again, we are so grateful to the many parents and students who took the time to provide input.

We're excited to announce School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger as the approved uniform provider for Trinity School at Greenlawn families! Visit <a href="www.globalschoolwear.com">www.globalschoolwear.com</a> to find our school store using school code TRIN15.

When you click through to the Tommy Hilfiger website, you must fill in all of the search fields (i.e., school, grade, gender, and program), and click "update" to bring up the right selection of Trinity School's uniform pieces for your student.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

## Why have a uniform at all?

The basic rationale for having a uniform is that it reduces distraction, helps students resist identifying by cliques or subcultures, and avoids sharp socio-economic distinctions in the class. All of these are very helpful towards our aim of creating a genuine community of learners in each class.

## Why a uniform update now?

Periodically, Trinity School updates its uniform, allowing students and parents an opportunity to provide input. This particular update was generated by two factors. First, we were receiving very poor service from our current supplier with some families contending with long delays and backorders. Second, coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic and some remote learning, the students became understandably lax with their approach to the uniform. This offers a chance to reset our expectations.

Why use a supplier rather than just allow parents to shop at the store of their choice? Having a uniform supplier helps minimize the number of "judgment calls" that the school has to make with respect to particular student choices. With a supplier, parents can be assured that if the item is purchased through the supplier and fits as described in the Trinity School uniform guidelines, their children will not have issues with uniform violations.

What is the advantage of the new supplier?

Switching suppliers will allow parents to order directly from the online supplier at any time and make it much easier for parents to replace uniform items or buy additional items for their children on their own timeframe. In addition, items will be shipped directly to your home.

I see you have added a uniform 'hoodie.' What is the role of the hoodie in the uniform? We provide a hoodie and sweatshirt option because of the uneven heating and cooling in the school building.

I see you have added a required uniform pant. What if the style does not fit my child well? We do understand the challenge of finding a good fit for all body types and sizes. While we would encourage parents to try the uniform pants on the website, we have also assembled a set of pre-approved alternatives with Amazon.com links attached.

If you would like to use an alternative supplier or re-use a pair of pants from this past year, please get the approval of the dean.

Girls' Pants Option 1

Girls' Pants Option 2

Girls' Pants Option 3

## Will the current uniform be grandfathered in?

Yes, current uniform items will be grandfathered in except pants and leggings. These items must be purchased through our new vendor for the fall of 2022. We would ask that as your child needs replacement items, you buy them from our new vendor.